GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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BRIDE BURNING IN THE COUNTRY
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the causes of bride burning have registered a sharp increase all over the country with the menance permitting even those communities which were traditionally averse to accepting dowry;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to amend the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961; and

(c) if so, the details thereof

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a): According to the National Crimes Record Bureau (NCRB) the number of dowry deaths registered in the country during the last three years, were as under:-

Year	No. of deaths
1997	6006
1998	6975
1999	6426

No data is being maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau about the bride burning cases separately.

(b)&(c): The National Commission for Women as per its mandate, has been advised to suggest amendments in the Dowry Prohibition Act 1961 to make it more stringent and effective. The National Commission for Women is in the process of organising nation-wide consultations for the same.